

LABOR DEMAND IN OUTLINE AHEAD OF THE SUPPLY

Talk of Strike in Building Trades Absurd, Say Work- ers—Few Unions Make Con- tracts With Employers.

There never has been a bigger demand in Memphis for skilled labor than at present.

Any man who can use tools can find work. As the headquarters of the various organized labor crafts in the building trades, there is more demand for skilled men than the offices can supply.

Under such conditions, which are verified by statements of building contractors, it would seem an absurdity to talk of a possible strike or lockout April 1, when the old wage scales of all the labor unions in the building trades expire and the new scales become effective.

As a matter of fact, few of the trades make any contracts with the men who employ them. The two largest unions in the building trades, the carpenters and the bricklayers, fix their wage scales every year, and if some contractors do not care to pay the union scale, there are many others who do, so that all the men find constant employment.

There are more than 800 members of the carpenters' union in good standing at work in Memphis and about the same number of bricklayers. Three-fourths of them have since the first of the year, been paid more than the regular union scale by the contractors with whom they are working, many of them receiving wages which have been fixed as the union scale, beginning April 1.

A few of the unions make individual contracts with the employing contractors. Among these are the plumbers, sheet metal workers, electricians, and steam fitters. Members of these crafts notified the contractors that they would not work for less than the union scale, and most of the contractors probably will agree to them.

The Builders' Exchange committee have been going over the proposed new wage scales and those contracts which have been submitted to employers, but members of the exchange say that the advance wages will probably be paid to many of the workers before the carpenters and bricklayers are new getting the wages fixed in the new scale.

Members of organized labor in the building trades also point out that six or eight large buildings in Nashville are being carried on by contracting firms from other cities, and that most of them are paying their workers the new scale now. There are 20 or 25 contractors also who are not members of the Builders' Exchange and who employ their labor on their own.

Members of the crafts in the building trades therefore feel confident that their wage demands will be met by a large majority of the contractors, and that with prospects for new buildings in sight for this summer and fall running into many millions, that there will be no lack of work for them.

MILLIONS PAID ON INCOME TAX

Tennessee Gives Eight Million to U. S. Treasury—Texas Leads South.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Income and excess profit taxes aggregating \$205,828,172 were paid as the first installment of the nation's tax bill for 1931.

While these figures do not represent an exact one-fourth of the taxes for last year, they indicate collection for the entire year of approximately \$2,500,000,000, treasury officials said tonight. The first installment more than offsets outstanding treasury certificates of indebtedness, issued in anticipation of the payment, and leaves the treasury in a position to continue its financial program, outlined several months ago.

Collections for the first period of 1931 were approximately \$1,200,000,000, the reduction this year being due to the lowering of the normal income tax rate.

The second district of New York, comprising the heart of the financial section, held its place as yielding the greatest amount of revenue of all collection districts, as it has for many years. Its total was \$154,595,989.

Collections included:

Alabama	\$4,220,547	Arkansas	\$2,175,321
California	\$3,875,629	Georgia	\$2,331,391
Kentucky	\$7,970,147	Louisiana	\$10,682,653
Mississippi	\$2,160,323	North Carolina	\$5,880,666
Oklahoma	\$2,941,386	South Carolina	\$2,291,503
Tennessee	\$8,173,290	Texas	\$22,097,776
Virginia	\$11,134,842		

APPOINT DELEGATES TO ROAD MEETINGS

JACKSON, Tenn., March 25. (Sp.)—Col. R. L. Bear was appointed as a delegate to represent Jackson at the meeting of the Mississippi Valley association, a commercial organization embracing all states in the Mississippi valley, to be held at the Statler hotel in St. Louis on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 20 and 21, at a meeting of the Association of Commerce directors held last night. Bond Wilkinson was appointed as a delegate to represent Jackson and Madison county at the Inter-State Good Roads congress to be held in Evansville, Ind., on April 22.

RIVER AT HICKMAN RISES 7 INCHES IN DAY

HICKMAN, Ky., March 25. (Sp.)—The river is subsiding at a good rate, having risen seven inches in the past twenty-four hours. Cairo weather office advises will rise for several days yet, and reach something over 50 foot stage. Forty-five feet is flood stage.

City Employees Get Wage Boost

CHICAGO, March 25.—Threats of a general strike of municipal employees were dispelled today as a result of action of the city council yesterday in voting to add \$1,000,000 to the \$32,250,000 budget for 1930, to provide an average salary increase of 10 per cent for 18,000 workers.

18,000 Bushels Of Yams Lost In Fire

ATMORE, Ala., March 25.—Eighteen thousand bushels of yams, together with the modern curing and storage plant in which they were being stored, were destroyed by fire at midnight Tuesday, entailing a loss approximating \$45,000.

ARRAIGN TWO AT JACKSON ON MOONSHINE CHARGES

JACKSON, Tenn., March 25. (Sp.)—John Moore, local butcher, and Charlie Shannon, negro porter, were bound over to the district federal court under bond of \$500 each, following their arraignment before United States Commissioner R. L. Chester in the jury room of the postoffice building at noon yesterday on the charge of conducting an illicit liquor traffic. T. J. Walsh, of Memphis, assistant district attorney, appeared before the court and prosecuted the case.

Moore and Shannon were arrested here in February by the local prohibition agents, who claim to have confiscated about five gallons of "moonshine" whisky in the rear of his meat market.

Crazed Fort Smith Man Captured After Fight With Police

PORT SMITH, Ark., 25.—After standing off a squad of seven policemen behind a barricade in a room at the Labor temple here this afternoon from 1 to 7 o'clock, in which several revolver shots were fired, windows and doors smashed, W. C. Cochran, age 27, a union painter of Wichita, Kan., and Tulsa, Okla., was captured.

When searched by police, two automatic revolvers containing 25 filled and four empty cartridges were found.

For seven hours Cochran, locked in a small room at the head of the stairway leading into the temple, refused to come out and in this strategical position exchanged shots with officers and citizens. Hundreds of spectators lined the streets and on two occasions the demoniac man threw carpenter's implements including jacks, axes and hammers in their direction.

After windows and doors from the rear of the building were smashed, Cochran concealed himself behind steel lockers and defied any one to enter the room, declaring that he must kill anyone who comes in here. I have enough ammunition to kill all of Fort Smith and all of Oklahoma.

Police believe the crazed man is suffering with a delusion he is to be killed by an unknown enemy.

REALTY BANQUET TO START UPON TIME

Realtors and their friends who really wish to enjoy the annual dinner of the Memphis Real Estate association to be given at the Chicago hotel Thursday night, must be on time. The dinner begins promptly at 7 o'clock and those who are late may find themselves in the predicament of the foolish virgins.

The occasion promises to be one of the most notable that local realtors have ever had, and a big attendance is expected. A delegate from Nashville, headed by George R. Gillespie, president of the newly organized state realty board, will take part in the festivities. A large number of ladies also will be present.

Speakers for the occasion include Mayor Fiske, Rev. C. H. Williamson, W. H. Pittsford, G. R. Gillespie and E. O. Bailey. There will also be a number of entertainment features. John M. Dean, president of the local board, will preside.

REVIVAL IS HELD BY METHODISTS AT HALLS

HALLS, Tenn., March 25. (Sp.)—The Methodist revival services here, long conducted by Rev. J. T. Bagby this week, they will continue all next week, as great interest is being taken and the evening services are well attended. Rev. Davis, of Brinkley, Ark., was at the revivalist church Wednesday evening. The Baptists are considering calling him to the pastorate of the church to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Mr. Penick.

A musical program was given at the Halls high school by the Community Lyceum bureau Thursday night.

Alleged Murderer To Be Returned

James Neal, negro, will be returned to Memphis within the next day or so from Tupelo, Miss., where he is being held by Lee county authorities to face charges of murder. Neal, it is alleged, shot and instantly killed another negro, Joseph Bell, last Saturday night at 161 Butler avenue.

Troopers Peters and Kenned worked up the case, tracing the black to Tupelo where he was arrested Wednesday for the local officers. The cause of the killing was not learned.

Preacher Loses \$40 From Pocket

When the Rev. J. Murray Taylor, 1380 Greenwood avenue, started to board a street car Wednesday night at Calhoun and Main, he had \$40 in his pocket. Shortly after, Rev. Taylor reported to police, the \$40 was not in his pocket.

Members of the light-fingered gentry are blamed, as Rev. Taylor was caught in a crowd as he boarded the street car.

General Strike In Lille Monday

LILLE, France, March 25.—The strike of textile workers here is still going on and it is expected a general strike will be called for Monday. Railroad men, bakers and employees of victualling establishments, however, will not participate in the movement.

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Breaks Window And Gets Odd Shoes

A Kapelow, merchant, 235 Walker avenue, Thursday was convinced that never again will he speculate on the vagaries of March winds while the thief who smashed the Kapelow store window early that morning, no doubt, was telling himself a few unkind things.

Kapelow was awakened after midnight by the crash of glass. He thought possibly the wind had blown out a window and turned back to sleep. When he opened his store he discovered his front window had been the target for a smasher's brick.

Emergency Officers York and Oliver were told that the only missing articles were three women's shoes. They were sold above.

Strong Measures To Defeat Miners

LONDON, March 25.—The government, says the Daily Herald, organ of the workmen, has decided on extreme measures to defeat the miners in the event of a strike by them. A plan, says the newspaper, has been prepared at the War office and approved by the government for starving the miners into submission, using the army as a blocking force.

All mining villages and townships are to be surrounded by military cordons and no commodities or persons are to be allowed to pass it. The plan is ready to the smallest detail and can be put in operation on an hour's notice, the Herald adds.

THIEF RANSACKS HOME.

Mabel Fields, negro, reported Thursday to police that a sneak thief sometime during the day previous ransacked her home at 150 Butler and made away with a considerable supply of men's clothing. No estimate of the value was given.

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59 South Main St.

SRGT. RAYMOND QUILTS UNION UNIVERSITY

JACKSON, Tenn., March 25. (Sp.)—Sergeant James R. Raymond, assistant director in military science and tactics at Union university for the past 11 months, received his discharge from the army at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Monday and returned to Jackson yesterday afternoon en route to St. Louis, where he will enter the employ of an electrical corporation. Sergeant Raymond served an enlistment of three years in the army. He has been an efficient instructor in the R. O. T. C. unit at Union, which is now making a very favorable record, the officers report. Lieut. L. A. Wetherby is instructor in charge of the military department at Union.

NOTIFY MINERS TO REMAIN AT WORK

NEW YORK, March 25.—Officers of the United Mine Workers were preparing notices today to be sent local unions in the three districts comprising the anthracite coal region, notifying them to remain at work. The union is pending the negotiation of a new wage agreement as the mine operators have agreed to raise the "any" wage award retroactive to that date.

Action Of Admiral Sims Investigated

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The naval court of inquiry appointed to investigate the circumstances of Rear Admiral William B. Fletcher's removal by Admiral Sims from command of American naval forces at Brest in October, 1917, convened today with Admiral Sims as the first witness. Admiral Sims and a number of witnesses for both sides later will be heard, and it is expected the presentation of evidence will require about ten days.

An Announcement

Of interest to the better dressed women of Memphis. If you find it a hardship to have to content yourself with just the ordinary clothes sold by the average store, or if you find it inconvenient to either pay cash or in 30 days at the high-grade shops, come to Miller's, at 174 South Main Street. I'll gladly extend credit without any red tape reference or investigation, and I'll arrange the payments to suit you. Suits \$50.00 to \$250.00; Dresses, \$35.00 to \$150.00, and Coats, \$25.00 to \$150.00. Hats, \$10.00 to \$50.00; Furs, \$25.00 to \$1,000.00; Skirts, \$10.00 to \$50.00; Waists, \$7.50 to \$50.00, etc. Stamps and bonds taken at full value.

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"For the Bread of God is he which cometh down from Heaven and giveth life unto the world."
John 6:33.

Highest Grade Silk Faille Spring Skirts

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One of the best manufacturers of skirts, who specializes on silk failles, has offered us a wonderful purchase. Each garment is made with accuracy, and the fine workmanship can be noticed immediately. A large variety of styles.

Some are embroidered, others have tucks, tunics, draperies, gathers, plaits and numerous others, including button-backs. You know what a faille skirt is, and remember these are the best silk failles made.

The colors are taupe, gray, navy, tan, copen, Pekin and black. Special attention has been paid to the larger sizes and we have a very good assortment of sizes from 24 to 40.

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Your Neighbor Has One—Ask Her!

SPECIAL OFFER

\$5.00 Cash payment puts a Thor in your home during this sale—balance on most liberal Club Plan.

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